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LAS VEGAS – Have the Chicago Bears played their best football? Las Vegas Sports Consultants odds manager Cesar Robaina thinks so.

Robaina and staff opened visiting New England as a 4 1/2-point favorite against the Bears. By late Monday morning the line was Patriots minus 3 1/2 or four. Robaina believes the early money on this game is going on the wrong team.

"I made New England minus six," he said. "It has become very apparent the Bears have mailed it in."

The Bears, losers of six in a row, are at a disadvantage because they must play their home games at the University of Illinois in Champaign because of renovations to Soldier Field.

The loss of injured nose guard Ted Washington and linebacker Warrick Holdman have also been big blows to Chicago.

"They don't have the bodies anymore, and it's apparent they don't have a home field advantage," Robaina said.

The defending Super Bowl champion Patriots may have turned their season around by upsetting Buffalo on the road, 38-7. The win squares the Patriots' record at 4-4. That was also their record last year after eight games.

"They're the type of team that when they get on a streak it carries over," Robaina said of the Patriots. "The Bears are the type of team they can handle."

Robaina also believes the San Diego Chargers will prove competitive on the road against the St. Louis Rams. LVSC sent out the Rams minus-six. Robaina would have made the Rams minus-five.

He understands why the line is at six, though. It is not just because the Rams are at home on carpet, and Marshall Faulk is averaging 190 yards rushing during the Rams' three-game winning streak.

"Though the Chargers have the great (6-2) record, the jury is still out as far as anyone calling them an elite team," he said. "Then again, they could be like New England of last year."

The Patriots just kept winning during the second half of last year, but remained under the radar screen. The Chargers, though, took a serious perception hit with a 31-point home loss to the New York Jets.

"San Diego is coming off its worst loss, so you know (Marty) Schottenheimer is going to have his team up for this game," Robaina said.

The underdog trend continued again Sunday with 'dogs going 10-3. Heading into the Monday night game, underdogs are now 77-48-2 (61 percent) against the spread. New England,

Cincinnati, Tennessee, San Francisco, Washington and the New York Jets all won straight-up in underdog roles this past week.

The 'under' went 8-5 on Sunday, enabling the 'under' to improve to 66-60-1, not including Monday's game between Miami and Green Bay.